

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4-8 and 11-15 are all the claims pending in the application. In response to the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims define patentable subject matter.

Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, 13, and 14 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen et al. (U.S Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0088980, hereafter “Olkkonen) in view of Rune et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,901,057, hereafter “Rune”). Claims 5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olkkonen in view Rune and further in view of Muthuswamy et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0204151, hereafter “Muthuswamy”).

In the previous Response filed October 10, 2007, Applicant submitted that there is no teaching or suggestion in Olkkonen or any of the cited references of the feature “a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices.”

In response, the Examiner continues to assert that Olkkonen teaches:

[I]f said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices (it is clearly seen in figure 1, if the user want (sic) to use printer or fax in the ad hoc network. The user can select step b in the sub menu, for example, if the user want to print the document from the device 100, the use (sic) select the printer that appear on the display 212 and the device 100 only establish the connection with the selected printer in the ad hoc

network to print out the data, and after the device 100 is connected to the selected printer, the device 100 cannot communicate with other printers in the ad-hoc network as arguing (sic) by the applicant.²

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching or suggestion in Olkkonen of “a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices”, as recited in independent claim 1 and analogously required by independent claims 8 and 15.

The Examiner asserts, with only broad citations to FIG. 1 and paragraph [0094] of Olkkonen, that the cited reference teaches “establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices”, as recited in the claims. However, although FIG. 1 of Olkkonen may disclose that particular classes of devices may be blocked, or that the user may select particular device classes to view, this does not prevent the wireless device from communicating with different devices within the class of devices which the user wishes to view. For example, if the user selects a class of devices such as “printers”, the user may be able to connect to all of the printers within the communicable range of the wireless device, therefore a connection may be established with all of the printers with the range of the wireless device (see paragraph [0152]). This contradicts the requirements of the claimed invention.

² Pages 3-4 of the Office Action dated December 12, 2007.

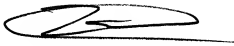
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no teaching or suggestion in the cited references of the feature “a control unit for providing, through the user interface, information on the peripheral devices connectable to a wireless communication device, and, if said at least one desired device is selected through the user interface, establishing a connection to only said at least one desired device, and not attempting a connection to undesired devices”, as recited in the claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 and analogous claims 8 and 15 should be allowable, because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims. Claims 4-7, 11-14 should also be allowable at least by virtue of their dependency on independent claims 1 and 8.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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